Rama Varmha Tampuran.—Then the wording should be 'the contractor's agent on such and such a day-forcibly took away, etc.'

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Then what is the answer to (c)?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The matter is unde renquiry. That is the Chairman's report.

President.—So Mr. Barton Wright has been fined?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—That is for another matter, I suppose.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is there anything mentioned in the report regarding the question in (c) ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No; the matter is under enquiry.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar. —May I know whether he was fined ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—No; he has not been fined. The matter is under enquiry.

President.—So the Chairman reports.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—The date of that report?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is dated 3rd Meenam 1104.

President.—We are now in Karkadagam. What was it that he was fined for?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—That was in connection with certain cart drivers; I am not sure.

President.—Of course, there was some fining then.

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—He supplied some weak bulls or something like that.

176. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to state what action has been taken regarding the complaint of the people of Kuttanellur referred to in answer to question No. 454 of the Meenam Session of 1104?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—The Chairman addressed the Company to abate the nuisance and a copy of the reply received from the Company is appended. (*Vide Appendix IV.*) There is, however, a fresh complaint in the matter and the District Magistrate is conducting the necessary investigation.

Paying Ward.

177. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) what were the budget allotments for the construction of a Paying Ward in the General Hospital at Ernakulam in 1103 and 1104 ; how much money was actually spent each year for the construction;

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(b) was any amount spent for it without the sanction of the Legislative Council; if so, what is the amount and from which item was it transferred;

(c) had the Legislative Council omitted this item from the budget for 1103 and had the Government accepted the reduction before issuing the final budget?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(a) The budget allotments for 1103 and 1104 were Rs. 20,000 and Rs. 10,500 respectively.

The amount spent in 1103 was Rs. 14,514=2=5, and the amount spent in 1104 up to the end of Edavam was Rs. 11,761=13=7. It is expected that a sum of Rs. 750 will be spent before the work is closed.

(d) A sum of Rs. 2,011=13=7 will have to be spent in excess of the budget grant for 1104. In 1103 there was a saving of Rs. 485=13=7 (in the revised estimate figure).

(c) The Council carried a motion for reducing the provision of Rs. 40,000 to Rs. 20,000 and the Government accepted the reduction.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Was sanction of this Council obtained for this excess expenditure in 1104?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The work is not yet closed. No sanction for the extra expenditure involved was received.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Was it that no sanction was asked for? May I know how much money has been spent after Edavam?

President.—I think this is not an item which has been cut down and the cut restored by the Government.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—In 1102 it was cut down.

Rs. 40,000 was budgetted and asked for and it was cut down to Rs. 20,000 by the Council.

President.—That is, there was an amendment of the allotment like that and that motion was carried. There was no certification after that with regard to that matter, I suppose.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—No certification.

President.—So that stands on a different footing from the other Rs. 20,000.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Yes.

Supply of stationery to M. L. Cs.

178. **Mr. C. J. Mathew.**—Will the Government kindly state whether they have considered the desirability of supplying Government paper and stationery including carbon paper to the non-official Members of the House, to be made use of in their

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